

FEDERAL FODDER.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

CANT STAND PROSPERITY. WASHINGTON, March 23.—E. S. Clark, of Vicksburg, Miss., the newly appointed assistant secretary of the interior, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia about ten days, and who was considered out of danger last evening, had a sudden relapse about midnight and died at an early hour this morning.

The remains will be sent to-night to Holly Springs, Miss., in charge of his wife and Senator Walthall. Inasmuch as Mr. Clark had not been in the city for some time, it is assumed that he was in the city at the time of his death.

To be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States, Edwin J. Phelps, Vermont, to Great Britain; Robt. M. McLain, Maryland, to France; Geo. H. Pendleton, Ohio, to Germany; Henry H. Jackson, Georgia, to Mexico; Macaona T. Benton, Missouri, attorney for the United States for the western district of Missouri.

IN THE SENATE. The senate immediately confirmed the nomination Senator Pendleton.

After reading the journal the senate went into executive session. When the doors reopened the senate adjourned.

The final adjournment seems to be chiefly a question of physical endurance. The members of the senate were then instructed not to talk to outsiders. An additional doorkeeper has been stationed at the gallery door of the senate, opening upon the rear of the chamber, to make sure that the publication of executive secrets which the senators think has grown to be of great magnitude, shall no longer continue.

The Well and La Abra treaty was not disposed of. A majority of the senate are understood to be in favor of its ratification, but friends of the claimants are trying to talk the treaty to death and prevent the ratification of the case.

Edwin Phelps, nominated minister to England, is a prominent lawyer and politician. He is about thirty years old and possessor of a modest fortune. He is ex-president of the American bar association, has been before the senate in connection with the Well and La Abra treaty, and is highly esteemed as a lawyer and man of culture. He has several times been a democratic candidate for governor of Vermont, but has never held public office. For two years past he has delivered lectures on law to the graduating classes of the college at Burlington, Vermont. Phelps is a senator from Vermont. Senator Edmunds was his legal preceptor.

Robert McLain, nominated as minister to France, is the present governor of Maryland. Henry Root Jackson, nominated as minister to Mexico, is a native of Georgia and 64 years of age. He graduated at Yale College in 1831, and shortly thereafter was admitted to the bar, was colonel of a Georgia regiment in the Mexican war, and for four years succeeding it was a judge of the eastern circuit of Georgia. He was elected to the senate to represent the United States at Vienna, Austria, where he remained five years. During the war he was a member of the 1st brigade and had a command on the upper Potomac. Since the war Jackson has practiced law in Georgia. Of late years he has held no public office. He is a man of independent fortune and highly endorsed by prominent men of his state, is an author of several poems, "Tallahassee" among them.

Phelps is a personal friend of Justice Field of the Supreme court, who speaks in the highest terms of his learning and ability.

A PLECH FOR VILAS FARD. WASHINGTON, March 23.—Postmaster-General Vilas continued his visit to the evening from Madison, Wis., that Gen. E. D. Bryant, of the Madison Democrat, has been tendered the position of assistant attorney of the post-office department at Washington. The tender was made a week ago, but was not accepted at once. Gen. Bryant leaves to-night for Washington to be present at the opening of the first call for troops, and served until the close of the war, having held all positions from private to major. It is understood that he will dispose of his interest in the Democrat to his partners. Vilas says: "I felt it desirable to have at the head of the law department of the post-office an gentleman whose political opinions are in consonance with those of the administration. Gen. Bryant is a democrat and a man of high character. He is a lawyer and has, within a year, published a valuable treatise on the justice system of Wisconsin."

Until four years ago Bryant was Gen. Vilas' law partner, and was associated with him in editing and publishing the first twenty volumes of reports of the supreme court of Wisconsin. He is about forty-eight years of age.

BE OFF TO EATON. Owing to the great pressure for clerks in the navy department, Secretary Whitney has prepared a circular which he furnishes all applicants, referring them to the civil service commission.

Secretary Lamar has decided to appoint a commission to investigate the workings of the interior department with a view to reorganizing and rearranging the work and to Chief Clerk Lockwood, Assistant Secretary John M. Atkins, commissioner of Indian affairs, and Mr. Montgomery, commissioner of patents, are named as likely to compose the commission.

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BATTLING AROUND SNAKIM. SCARIM, March 23.—Gardas have returned from the zereba. Total loss during the fight Sunday, five officers and 31 private killed, 170 wounded. Rebel loss fully 1,500. In the rush a large number of rebels entered a corner of the zereba and in the desperate fight which ensued there every Arab was killed. The zereba was captured this morning by the British and the zereba erected yesterday by Gen. McNeill to render assistance after the battle of yesterday. McNeill was unscathed and is well entrenched in the zereba seven miles southwest of Snakim. The guards were sent back by McNeill for water and provisions and unchanged since the zereba was captured. A number of heavy guns have been forwarded to the zereba and are being used to-day. Tamar will be made to-night by Graham. During the advance Snakim will be garrisoned by a spy reports the hostile Arabs are growing in numbers around Hasheen.

General Grant's Condition. NEW YORK, March 23.—General Grant retired at 10 o'clock and slept fitfully until 2 o'clock this morning, from which time he slept none. This morning he chatted with Mrs. Sartoris. He is not feeling as strong today as yesterday, owing to undue excitement yesterday and weakness last night.

Sympathy for General Grant. CHICAGO, March 23.—The Inter-Oceanist's Galena special says: The First Methodist church, of which Gen. Grant was a member when a citizen, to-day forwarded to him words of sympathy in his affliction and assurances of prayers for his recovery.

BURCHARD WILL NOT DOWN. BAINES' ASSISTANT EXECUTIONER DELIVERS A LECTURE. NEW YORK, March 23.—Rev. Dr. Burchard delivered a lecture on "The Men I have met" at the United Presbyterian church to-night. He complained of pains in the head, heart and back before he began. He told the reporters if he came to hear mention of "any prominent men who had been lately before the public" he would not be present. Dr. Burchard said the daily papers had mistaken him for a "religious dandy, an ecclesiastical dandy, and an old fool, and a male with ears like the mule of Burro."

He had been called everything but a thief and a loafer. Only last week he had been taken for a phony. He had also been mistaken for the man who had a hotel in Genoa. Referring to pride and riches the speaker made use of the words, "pride, purse and power" and said that "the only way to salvation is to get rid of them." Dr. Burchard had been called a bigot. He denied he was a bigot. He was one who looked on the other side of truth and never looked around the circle.

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